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GENERAL CONFERENCE

Bitterly assailing the repeal of prohibition, speakers at the recent 106th semi-annual general conference of the Church in Salt Lake Tabernacle, made stirring appeal for the members to conquer what they termed "Public Enemy No. 1."

A hush fell over the great congregation as President Heber J. Grant admonished the people to abide by the Word of Wisdom. "I have been told to find a new subject and quit preaching on the Word of Wisdom" asserted the venerable leader. "There was never a time in the history of the Church that we have needed the Word of Wisdom more than today. The whole nation has gone back on prohibition. It has gone back to liquor. The cry was that we had more drinking when we had prohibition. But I have observed more drinking since the return of liquor than during the prohibition period."

The president in his opening address also touched on the tobacco addiction. He pointed to the great consumption of tobacco, declaring that billions of cigarets are still being consumed. While he touched on the evils of liquor and tobacco, he read from the Word of Wisdom, D&C 89.

Dr. Richard R. Lyman was the second speaker of the conference, and he too, stressed the evils of liquor and tobacco, characterizing the present liquor traffic as America's "Public Enemy No. 1." Pointing out that there were five great destructive forces—poverty, war, disease, crime and intemperance, he directed his remarks chiefly toward intemperance. "In 1915 America expended billions for rum. In 1930, as a result of prohibition, we were expending those billions for homes and better living. It looks now as if we have already returned to the old standard of 'billions for rum.'"

So continued other speakers during the conference to warn the Saints to be loyal to the standards of the Church. Declaring that "thinking LDS surely do not need to be told that the standards of the church remain unchanged and that these require Church members to abstain from the use of all alcoholic beverages, including beer."

Pres. John C. Todd of the Gridley Stake pronounced the benediction Friday morning and Pres. Stephen H. Winter of the San Francisco Stake was called to open the afternoon session Saturday.

CONCLAVE

A Utah soil scientist and educator was the only official delegate chosen from the West to represent the United States at the Seventh American Scientific Congress in Mexico City, September 8—17. Dr. Franklin S. Harris, president of Brigham Young University is the honored Utahn. He received his appointment from Secretary of State, Cordell Hull.

CONVENTION

The annual Genealogical Convention of the Oakland Stake will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 9 and 10. At the Saturday evening session a spectacular pageant will be presented at the new Berkeley Chapel and promises to be a long remembered feature. On Sunday there will be two sessions at 10:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. when visitors from Salt Lake City will speak.

CONFERENCE GEMS

"I believe if every dollar spent for liquor, beer, tea, coffee and tobacco were used for some other purpose we would need no help to care for the poor, but would be prosperous."

"I appeal to you to use your influence at home and abroad to keep the Word of Wisdom. This is the wisdom of the Lord. The wisdom of man is beer, beer, beer!"

"This great nation said, 'We want our beer' and they got it. Legally, beer is not intoxicating, but I think it is significant that they keep it away from the Indians."

—Pres. Heber J. Grant in Conference October 4, 1935.

LOYALTY

The faithfulness of Church leaders was stressed, and members of the Church were urged to be more loyal to the teachings of their presiding officers, by speakers at the Friday afternoon session of General Conference.

Elder Alonzo A. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve, extolled the faithfulness of the Church leaders, declaring that their lives were as open books and were known to the people for their unquestioned integrity.

Pres. Nicholas G. Smith of the California Mission, urged unity on the part of Church members, and loyalty to the leaders, declaring they are the leaders of God's work.

Faithfulness and loyalty is true of only a portion of the Church membership, declared Apostle Geo. F. Richards. He regretted that there are those in the Church who are not living the principles of the Gospel. Only the faithful will carry on God's work. So all LDS should make it their life's purpose to support the Church and the Lord's plan. The expressed will of the Lord is the same as a commandment, and so the Word of Wisdom is a commandment of God. The will of the Lord has been made known to this people that tea, coffee and liquor are not to be used. It is regrettable, that despite the fact that the President of the Church asks the people to support the word of the Lord in the matter of prohibition, yet many LDS ignore that advice and counsel. If the Saints follow the counsel of the Church leaders, they will never go astray.

114th STAKE

The Highland Stake of Zion, the 114th in the church, was organized September 8, by dividing Granite Stake situated in the southeast section of Salt Lake City. President Hugh Brown, now state liquor commissioner of Utah was honorably released. Lorenzo H. Hatch was named president of what was left of Granite Stake, with Frank H. Ostler and P. Drew Clarke as Counselors.

Marvin O. Ashton was appointed president of the new Highland Stake and Sterling H. Nelson and Howard J. McKean, his Counselors.

Stake Conference, November 2-3, 1935

STAKE CONFERENCE

Quarterly Stake Conference is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday November 2 and 3 in Oakland Chapel. One of the general authorities from Salt Lake is expected to be present to address all sessions. The general theme, "accounting and caring for all who hold the Priesthood," will present a program of activity of various quorums.

The Saturday evening session will be strictly a Priesthood session, for men and boys only. It will be devoted to purely quorum matters and reports, with pointed instructions from the visiting Apostle.

A varied and interesting program will be presented Sunday morning, featuring the work among the youth. Special musical numbers will be included.

The evening session will be under the direction of the stake MIA officers, featuring this season's Mutual program. A record attendance is expected at all sessions.

Quarterly conference: Nov. 2, 3!

U. S. C. TEACHER

Dr. John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve, is presenting the LDS Church and its doctrines in a special university course at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Four other church groups, Catholic, Episcopal, Jewish and all Protestant denominations grouped in one, are participating in this full credit course under the general title. "The Church and Its Program." The course will run a full semester of 18 weeks, with three full hours each week for students on the campus, besides a similar evening course for adults.

This experiment by U. S. C. "to give religious education the dignity of academic standing" is proving most successful, and Dr. Widtsoe's classes are crowded to capacity.

Dr. Frank L. West of the General MIA superintendency has been named Church Commissioner of Education, succeeding Dr. Widtsoe. Dr. West is a brother of Mrs. Reuben T. Evans of Berkeley.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Marba Cannon Josephson of Salt Lake has been named associate editor of the Improvement ERA to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elsie Talmage Brandley in August.

Mrs. Josephson, with a background and training is exceptionally qualified for her new work. A graduate of the University of Utah, she has devoted herself to literary work in schoolroom and press. She will be associated with Harrison R. Merrill in the active editing of the ERA.

She married Newel F. Josephson of Brigham City in 1924 and is the mother of five children. She is the daughter of the late Apostle Abraham H. Cannon and Lillian Hamlin, and a sister of Pres. David H. Cannon of the Hollywood Stake.

SENATORIAL APPROVAL

Writes U. S. Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah:

"Thank you for the copy of "The Messenger." It is very interesting and well worked up pamphlet and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it to me."

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"We are the guardians of our children; their training and education is committeed to our care, and if we do not ourselves pursue a course which will save them from the influences of evil, when we are weighed in the balance we shall be found wanting, and the sin will be laid at our doors."—President Brigham Young.

In the search for learning and knowledge many young people today are becoming unbalanced in their education. They are pursuing the wisdom and philosophies of men and ignoring, either entirely or in part, the teachings of God. Unfortunately some teachers of science and philosophy feel that to promote their own teachings they must try to discredit religion.

Many who ridicule those who devote themselves almost entirely to religion as "religious fanatics" have themselves become "scientific fanatics." The one concentrates upon religion and ignores the many valuable truths of science. The other devotes himself to science and philosophy and ignores the glorious soul-saving truths of religion. The truly educated person does neither. He learns all he can of science and philosophy but retains his foundation of religious truth.

President Young reasoned this way: "Shall I sit down and read the Bible, the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants all the time?" says one. Yes, if you please, and when you have done you may be sectarian after all. It is your duty to study to know everything upon the face of the earth *in addition* to reading those books." But he declared in the same sermon, "If your children do not receive impressions of true piety, virtue, tenderness and every principle of the holy Gospel you may be assured that their sins will be required of the parents."

One-sided education falls far short of our ideals.

Those who are devoting themselves to the teachings and learning of men and ignoring religion and its place in true education are departing from the teachings of the Church and its leaders and are in danger of losing the most precious part of education—education in the truths of religion and eternal life.

—(Ward Teachers' Message for November)

"The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well."—Walpole.

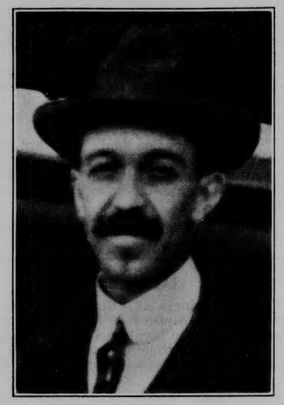
ASSIGNMENTS

High Council and Missionary appointments for Sunday, October 20, 1935:

ALAMEDA—John J. Kest and B. Z. Cox
BERKELEY—W. T. Hicken, Fern Barney
DIMOND—I. B. Ball and J. G. Wimmer
ELMHURST—Grant Ellis, Heber Brown
HAYWARD—A. D. Ericksen, F. W. Jackson
MARTINEZ—Don J. Allphin, Elmo Carr
OAKLAND—Chas. C. Carr, J. C. Searle
PITTSBURG—F. J. Parsons, Albert Dierlicker
RICHMOND—C. M. Dewsnup, Glenn Elliott
VALLEJO—John Soelberg, Oscar Fontano

J. B. J. HAWKLEY

The church lost one of its most staunch and valued early leaders in Oakland in the sudden death of Joseph Brigham John Hawkley, September 12. Born September 8, 1880 at West Portage, Utah, he was named for the first three presidents of the church. He was the youngest son of Joseph B. Hawkley and Sarah Jane John, parents of eleven children. Shortly after his birth his family moved to Pocatelo, Idaho, where he attended the public schools and grew to manhood. He filled a mission to Wales 1902 to 1904, and served as secretary to the Welsh Conference.



He came to Oakland where he met Esther W. Sumner and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple in August, 1904. She was the daughter of an early California pioneer who followed newspaper work and practiced law. Charles Sumner was active in political affairs and was congressman from California 1883-1885. After the marriage Brother Hawkley and his bride returned to Oakland where they resided two years, then moved to Alameda where they remained for twenty-three years. In 1929 they bought a new home in Berkeley returning to Oakland Ward in 1932. They are the parents of three sons Charles Sumner, who died in 1922; John A. and Richard W. Sumner.

After the earthquake in 1906 the Oakland branch was reorganized with Norman D. Phillips as President and Brother Hawkley as one of his counselors. When the first Sunday School was organized in Oakland he was the first superintendent and served for a number of years. Being musically inclined he became director of the first choir in the Oakland Branch. His interest in music never waned. During the time they resided in Alameda Brother Hawkley did all the Ward teaching for many years. He did much home missionary work and he was greatly interested in genealogical work. He was chosen superintendent when the first Sunday School was organized in Alameda.

He was a rivet and bolt maker and for twenty-seven years was a trusted employee in the Judson Iron Works in Oakland. While crossing the street he was struck and instantly killed by an automobile, September 12, 1935. Funeral services were held in the Oakland chapel September 16. Patriarch Norman D. Phillips and Bishop P. W. Dunyan of Berkeley as speakers, reviewed his life work and paid tribute to him. Interment was at Sunset Cemetery at Berkeley.

Stake Conference, November 2-3, 1935

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Don Mack Dalton, former president of the South African Mission, extolled the faithfulness of the Saints in "the farthest away mission." They are faithful tithepayers and loyal to the principles of the Gospel. Baseball introduced by the Elders has won the interest of the people and brought many friends to the Church.

The growing evils of divorce and disregard of the marriage covenant brought severe criticism by Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve. Adultery and abuse of the marriage vows is the greatest evil that confronts the world today, and "Birth Control," he characterized as one of the blackest crimes of civilized people. History teaches, he said that these crimes and abuses have led to the downfall of nations.

Geo. W. Burbidge, former president of the Tahitian Mission, said it was a matter of regret that Utah had voted for the repeal of prohibition. Those faraway people were sure the people of Utah would follow the counsel of President Grant. It was a bitter disappointment when Utah voted for the return of liquor.

At the Eastern States Mission reunion, John G. McQuarrie, mission president from 1901 to 1913, was the honored guest.

Observing the 300th anniversary of the Hinckley family in America, three brothers were honored at a family reunion during conference. Alonzo A. Hinckley of the Twelve Apostles, Ira N. Hinckley, collector of Internal Revenue for Utah and President Bryant S. Hinckley of Liberty Stake.

"If you don't get off relief," said Elder Melvin J. Ballard, conference speaker, "you will be thrown off, and it will be a sorry day." If LDS are to hold up to the world the standard God intended they should, every Church member now on government relief, must get off. The time of testing has come. God has opened the way, broken down the barriers. This people must take its place as a light to all mankind. The world will be looking to us for solutions to the great problems besetting humanity "long before we are ready," he declared.

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BYU ALUMNI

All former students of the Brigham Young university are invited to join a local chapter of alumni. Several preliminary meetings have been held and a program has been outlined by A. Rex Johnson, general secretary. Names and addresses of all former students are solicited. An initial dancing party is shortly to be held. The following ward chairmen have been appointed; Berkeley—Mrs. Reed Gardner; San Francisco—Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins; Palo Alto—Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Tueller; Elmhurst—Mrs. Milton Ream; Oakland—Vernon Jensen; Dimond—Mrs. Clyde Summerhays.

SECOND EDITION

The second edition of "Chinese Political Thought" by Dr. Elbert D. Thomas, U. S. Senator from Utah, will soon be issued by an eastern publisher. This book will be one of a series of political science textbooks to appear under the editorship of Prof. S. C. Wallace of Columbia University. These books will be used as text in many of the leading colleges and universities of America.

Senator Thomas gave a special course at the recent summer session at the University of California, Berkeley.

MALE CHORUS

The Mormon Male Chorus presented a program in First Baptist Church Vallejo, Sunday evening, October 6. The pastor, Rev. J. Gaston omitted his sermon and made the evening a musical recital. The church was crowded to capacity, and the Stake Chorus were given a royal welcome by the church members, who heard a new kind of Mormon story. Mrs. Helen Richards, vocalist, was the guest artist accompanying the chorus.

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MARRIAGES

ALLEN-ALLIASON: Lenna Allen of Berkeley and Newell Alliason of Millville, Utah were married in the Salt Lake Temple, October 10. They will live in Santa Barbara.

SMITHEN-SCHIPPER: Viola Smithen and Adrian Schipper of Elmhurst were married in the ward chapel, September 28, Bishop H. J. McFarlane officiating.

FISH-OCHS: Dorothy Jane Fish and John H. Ochs of Dimond were married September 11.

BIRTHS

DAUGHTER born to Pres. and Mrs. J. Myron Telford of Vallejo, September 24.

DAUGHTER born to Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Hart of Dimond, September 25.

DAUGHTER born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Carr of Dimond, September 22.

DEATHS

LAMOREAUX: Mrs. Florence Betts Mullinder, 68, wife of Henry E. Lamoreaux of Dimond, died September 11, after lingering illness.

HAWKLEY: Joseph B. J., 55, of Oakland, hit by auto and instantly killed, Sept. 12, while crossing street.

STOCK: Marilyn, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stock of Elmhurst, died October 12. Funeral services October 14, direction of Bishop McFarlane.

BAPTISMS

In Elmhurst ward, September 14: Samuel W. Coombs Jr., Patti Joan Wendt, Lee N. Johnson Jr., Robert Keith Schatz and Dean Edson Mann.

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RELIEF SOCIETY

Never in this Stake has the Relief Society season opened with so much enthusiasm. During the last week of September every Ward held a delightful opening social. All members and prospective members had received special invitations and every effort had been made to make of it a most entertaining affair. A feature of the party was the opening of the Magazine Penny Banks. In some cases this was very cleverly done and created a great deal of merriment. It was the opening gun of the annual magazine campaign. And it certainly began the drive with a bang.

At this date a number of the Associations are "over the top" with 100 per cent magazines. This means as many magazine subscribers as they have enrolled members.

The General Conference of the Relief Society held in Salt Lake City, April 2 and 3, was perhaps the best in its history.

Those attending are most enthusiastic in their reports. The theme around which the entire two day conference was built was "Spiritual Growth Through the Relief Society Course of Study." We will hear more of it at Union Meeting.

It is not too early to begin talking of our Annual Stake Conference Convention. It will be held at the Oakland Chapel, Sunday, November 17, 1935. The program is perhaps more comprehensive than ever before; department meetings will be held and at least two members of the general board from Salt Lake City will be present. Presidents, begin now to advertise. Be sure to have every officer and teacher present at the special meetings.

PRIMARY

The summer work of the Primary was successfully terminated by a Stake "homecoming" September 12 at Oakland chapel. Over 160 children took part in the informal program of singing, dancing and playing. A similar number of adults were present.

Three excellent displays were arranged by Alameda, Dimond and Elmhurst, showing the handiwork done by the children during the summer past. Particular credit is due the officers of these Wards.

Several reorganizations have been effected in the Wards. We welcome Superintendent Elliott of Oakland and Superintendent Clarke of Dimond as co-workers in this important work.

All children in the Stake be contacted and invited to attend the Primary of their Ward—here they will feel the joy of learning, living and giving.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following Sunday School Superintendents whose schools contributed 100 per cent to the dime fund: Alameda, Garney Johnson; Elmhurst, A. H. Elmer; Dimond, Francis Gealta; Hayward, W. T. Webb; Martinez, G. B. Barbour; Oakland, Walter Aylett; Vallejo, P. H. Merrill. The other Wards and branches have done excellent work but missed the 100 per cent by just a very small margin.

With the aim of having a "perfect Sunday School" in each of our Wards, a contest will be started next month to run for six months. The points to be stressed and worked for are as follows: Weekly Superintendents' meetings, 2½ minute talks, monthly report and business meeting, percentage of attendance of officers and teachers at Union meeting, monthly check of rolls, officers in place at 3 minutes to ten, punctuality in meetings, enlistment committee functioning, monthly report on time. The superintendents are back of this contest enthusiastically and we look for a lot of fun and friendly rivalry.

M. I. A.

Our first MIA institute—and a most successful one. With four visiting General Board members, the two day sessions, September 26-27, were teeming with splendid ideas and instructions. With Superintendent Geo. Q. Morris in generalities of MIA and its personnel, W. O. Robinson, as director of activity, Ann M. Cannon with words of greeting, and Evangeline Thomas Beesley in supervision of work and Ward visits, all phases of MIA work was fully covered. The institute throughout was bristling with new thoughts.

Superintendent W. Glenn Harmon presided at all sessions, and we were delighted to have President Eugene Hilton of the Stake presidency with us. A number of our Stake workers presented most creditable contributions on the program.

The YW Stake board entertained in honor of Ann M. Cannon and Evangeline T. Beesley at a luncheon on the afternoon of the 26th.

Recreation Calendar: The following events are scheduled on the Stake activity program:

October 25—Senior Club party in Berkeley Ward Hall.

October 29—Hallowe'en special program.

November 3—MIA Stake Conference, Oakland Chapel.

November 8—Missionary Farewell Party, Elmhurst Hall.

November 15—Stake Scout Rally in Oakland Chapel.

November 22—Story Telling Festival.

November 27—Utah-Idaho Ball, Thanksgiving Eve.

December 15—Music Festival.

Seniors from all Wards of the Stake are requested to the Senior Club Party in the Berkeley Hall, Friday, October 25 at 8:30 p. m. All seniors are enjoined to invite their friends, ages 24 to 35. There will be music, fun, eats and a special floor show. Committees working for the success of this unusual party include Dr. Douglas Ream Mrs. G. Gibbs Smith, Mrs. Irving P. Beesley, F. G. Huish, Mrs. Walter Scott, and Marjory Evans. The ghosts will haunt you if you don't come———!

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ELMHURST WARD

The Relief Society was reorganized with Rosella Stout Edmonds as president, Elizabeth Brummett and Charlotte Phillips as her Counselors and Jennie E. Paine, secretary. Mary E. Partington and her Counselors and secretary, retiring officers, have served faithfully for several years and were honorably released with a hearty vote of thanks. The new officers first meeting was a huge success with over forty ladies present, including Stake Relief Society President Sarah Carruth and other members of the Stake board, who gave instructions in their particular activity. President Edmonds announces that the meetings will be changed to Tuesday afternoon.

The YWMIA has selected Miss Helene Brummett as the magazine and publicity agent. She promises that the Era subscriptions will "go over the top."

Ordinations for advancement in the priesthood were conferred upon the following persons: Carl H. Phillips, Wm. L. Marchant, Theodore T. Law, Harry E. Flaner, Reed A. Goodpasture, George E. Arnold, Kenneith G. Derkins, and John Schatz Jr. The last three were promoted from Primary.

Mrs. Lucile Bowen Brown, the bride of Oland Newman Brown is a new member of our Ward. Welcome!

One of the brilliant events of the month was the marriage of Miss Viola Smithen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Smithen to Mr. Adrian Schipper, son of Mrs. Rene Schipper, which took place in the Chapel Saturday evening, September 28. Bishop Horace J. McFarlane officiated. The Auditorium, profusely decorated with flowers, was filled with friends and relatives. The bride looked lovely in white satin entrain and bridal veil. She was given in marriage by her father. Congratulations!

What promises to be the most brilliant social event in the Stake is scheduled as the farewell missionary party for Grant Tolman who leaves soon for Australia. Sam W. Coombs is general chairman, and if livewire ideas and plans count for anything, this party will be long remembered. The exact program is a secret, but Sam says there will be fun and dancing—and it will be free.

Grant Tolman is the first missionary called from the new Oakland Stake!

BERKELEY

Many parties were given for Lenna Allen, who October 10 married Newell Alliason, a former student at the University. Mr. Alliason is from Millville, Utah. The couple will make their home in Santa Barbara, California.

Kathryn Smith, daughter of Jesse and Minnie Smith, has gone to Logan to attend the Agriculture college.

Mrs. Nelsina Christiansen has left for Weaverville, California to join her son Marion, who is the athletic coach at the Weaverville high school.

Nathala Christiansen Brunt has left for Idaho Falls to join her husband where they will make their home.

Vida Allen has returned from Logan where she attended the wedding of a younger sister. Denzil Allen is still in Portland, Oregon on a business trip.

The Gospel Messages class recently held a very enjoyable party to welcome the new Mormon students who are attending the university.

The Bishopric were hosts to the officers and teachers of the Ward at a get-together in the new chapel on September 30.

New YWMIA officers are Louise Knight, President; Rosemary Parsons, Blanche Severine, Counselors, with Marjorie Hall, Secretary.

DIMOND

On Sept. 11, Mrs. Florence Lamoreaux passed away after an illness of several years. This kindly and beloved woman is mourned by her many friends. At impressive funeral service music was furnished by the Mormon Male Chorus of which her son Vaughn is a member. She is survived by her husband, Henry Lamoreaux and sons Howard, Vaughn and Dan.

Dimond Chapel was the setting for a very lovely fall wedding when Dorothy Jane Fish became the bride of John H. Ochs, September 11. Following the ceremony a buffet supper was served to the bridal party and their families at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parley Fish

A fine group enjoyed the opening party of the MIA, September 10. Several changes have taken place this year—the new officers being: Clyde Curtis, Superintendent, Lynn Pearce and Kenneth Matheson, Counselors. Arema Dalton is President again, with Dorothy Kilner and Effie Gibbs Counselors.

Ordinations to Priesthood: Walter Scott and Chester Shurtleff, Deacons; and Louis Shurtleff, Teacher.

Sept. 14, the Dimond Ward primary Homecoming was held in the Recreation Hall. About 70 children took part in the games, songs and dances. There was an excellent display of the handwork done during the summer.

The Dimond Choral started this season's rehearsals with a party and practice at the home of Jean Lauper, September 23.

The Relief Society Bank Opening party was held September 26. A very large crowd enjoyed an excellent program, an old fashioned dance and refreshments. A reorganization in the Ward group has included Sarah Olson as Second Counselor taking the place of Edna Mitchell who has become Secretary following the resignation of Patricia Fish.

We welcome to Dimond Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addis, recently married in Logan Temple, and Miss Lorraine Addis.

VALLEJO

Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Larsen has returned to Vallejo after a year in a business college in Los Angeles.

The presidency of the First Elders' quorum, Alvin M. Sorenson, A. J. Burdett, Adrian Rice and Leon Baer, secretary, were the evening speakers Sunday, September 8.

The monthly social of the Relief Society was held September 10 at the home of Emma E. Telford. Twenty-seven members brought gifts in a surprise stork shower for the hostess.

Elder Arlen Olson of Martinez was speaker at evening services, September 15.

The MIA opening social was held September 17. Walter J. Bolander was named YM superintendent, with Henry M. Thomas, first Counselor, and J. H. Shurtleff, Secreary. Wilma Emily Gilbert was chosen YW President. Other officers will be named later. Games, a short program and dancing were enjoyed.

A most interesting program was presented Sunday evening, September 22 by the Gospel Messages Class of Dimond Ward, under the direction of Bromwell Z. Cox. Come again.

Another member was added to our Cradle Roll with the birth of a baby daughter at the home of President and Mrs. J. M. Telford.

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CORRESPONDENT

From Salt Lake, Eugene Willey, who edited the last three issues of "The Messenger," comes this note:

"My work on the stake paper was very enjoyable, and I was reluctant to give it up. However, I decided to finish my schooling so I have registered again at the University of Utah after an absence of eight years.

"Someday I am returning to Oakland to make my home, so you see, my heart is still there.

"I will be glad to help in any way I can. Perhaps I can be your Salt Lake correspondent. Anyway, I am enclosing a few items I think will interest the good folks of Oakland stake."

Fine, 'Gene, you're appointed Salt Lake reporter!

SCOUTING

The LDS Scouters' Roundtable met as a part of the MIA Convention, September 26 at the Oakland Chapel. Irving P. Beesley, Stake Scout Commissioner and Field Executive of the Oakland Area Council was assisted by Don C. Woods, Stake Explorer Commissioner, in presenting the new Scout-Explorer program. There were 15 scouters and 5 scouts present representing Berkeley, Oakland, Dimond, and Alameda.

Beesley outlined the growth of the LDS troops in this Stake since January 1—every troop has increased substantially. He described the new District Rally and it was decided that we should have a Stake Rally on November 15. As points will be awarded for attendance of friends and visitors it is expected that there will be a large crowd. The committee in charge will present the winning troop with a trophy cup.

Don C. Woods, presented the Explorer Program, which is a part of the new Senior Scout Program presented by the national council of the Boy Scouts. He emphasised that this is our Vanguard Program with a new name and a few good additions. He emphasised the need for close cooperation with Priesthood quorums through use of quorum supervisors on the troop committee and through Aaronic Priesthood Corelation.

Troop 8, Berkeley Ward, held a Court of Honor, September 24 in their new Scout room, presenting 1 second class badge, 2 first class badges, and 16 merit badges. Russell Ball was awarded the Star Badge and Lynn Knight the Bronze Eagle Palm. Taylor (Bud) Nuttle has been appointed assistant scoutmaster.

Troop 46, Oakland Ward is covering the walls of its Scout room with Beaver board, so that they may pin trophies and pictures on the wall. Assistant Scoutmaster Ralph Fox has been sick but is expected back soon.

Troop 72, Dimond Ward, held a Court of Honor, September 18. First class badges were awarded to 4 scouts, and one second class badge. On September 25, the Scouts and their mothers tendered a surprise birthday party to Scoutmaster Marshall A. Stoddard.

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